

**Testimony Regarding Support for HB 5283 & SB 229 and  
School Construction Funds for Public Charter Schools  
March 4, 2022**

Co-Chairs Senator McCrory and Representative Sanchez and other distinguished members of the Education Committee,

My name is Tarique Good, I am a scholar at THE BRIDGE ACADEMY charter school and I think we can all agree that our school system in Connecticut needs work.

On that note, I was shocked to hear that you had a surplus of 2.5 billion dollars that you decided needs to be held as a rainy day fund, to me, it makes no sense why the school kids who the funds are meant for can't even get 30% of it; to better their education, sports skills, and other important life skills. Many of them won't have access to these important skills and a great education- outside of our school.

So please I ask that you spend at least 30% of the fund on the future of this nation's children and if you do this now, **I guarantee that you will be rewarded by the very children you chose to invest in.**

Thank you for your time,

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